



Dexter City Update

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Fall and Winter Leaf Collection

Program Description

Each Fall, the City of Dexter Department of Public Works (DPW) collects loose leaves. This is in addition to bagged compost collection by Waste Management and the DPW's weekly brush pick-up. Leaf collection for Fall 2021 will start the week of October 11th. For the past few years, we have noticed that the leaves from the pear trees and oak trees, mostly located in the newer neighborhoods, have been losing their leaves later in the season. To accommodate this, we have created the following schedule for loose leaf and bagged compost collection. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the e-mail update to keep informed about any changes in this schedule due to the weather.

Collection Schedule

- Week of October 11th – Loose leaf collection starts.
- November – Brush pick-up and chipping switch to every other Wednesday. The November chipping dates are November 10th and November 24th.
- Monday, November 29, 2021 – Last day of bagged compost pick-up by Waste Management.
- Week of December 6th – Loose leaf collection ends. Residents are asked to have all leaves raked to the curb no later than Monday, December 6th at 7 am for pick up that week.
- Bagged leaves will be picked-up by the DPW on December 22nd, January 5th, and January 19th. This is to accommodate the residents whose trees lose their leaves late in the season.
- No compost bag or leaf pick-up by the City or Waste Management will occur in February or March
- Monday, April 4, 2022 - Bagged compost collection resumes.

Loose Leaf Collection Reminders

- Park cars as far away from leaf piles as possible.
- Make sure that there is no debris in the leaf piles (garbage, sticks, etc.).
- Leaves should be raked in a line (windrow) as close to the curb as possible and not placed into the road, ditches, storm drains, or parking places.
- The closer the piles are to the curb, the quicker they are able to be collected by the equipment.

Want up to the minute Dexter News? Sign up for the email list by emailing the City Manager at jbreyer@DexterMI.gov

Halloween & Trick-or-Treating

For those that choose to participate this year, Trick-or-Treat hours in the City will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

If you or your family choose to celebrate Halloween this year, please review the guidelines set by the CDC related to COVID-19: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/celebrations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fdaily-life-coping%2Fholidays.html

If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.



Mill Creek Park Work Day—October 24th

Help us beautify Mill Creek Park!

A workday in Mill Creek Park will be held on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 8 am to 12 pm. Have a green thumb? Volunteers are welcome to come get their hands dirty as we work to plant new shrubs and plugs in various areas of Mill Creek Park. Volunteers are not required to stay the entire time, come and join as your time allows!

Fall Clean-Up Day - October 18th - Put Out Your Bulk Items!

The City provides expanded collection of trash, appliances, and other bulky items on the third Monday of May and October each year. The fall clean up will occur on Monday, October 18, 2021. The following additional guidelines apply: 1) All loose material must be contained. 2) Appliances and bulky items are limited to what two people can safely lift. For more information view the Waste Management flyer at: https://www.dextermi.gov/Departments_Services/Trash_Recycling/8-1-19_WMFlyer.pdf.



Ping Pong Table Survey



QR Code to Survey

The City of Dexter's Parks and Recreation Commission has been approached regarding a proposal to install two public ping-pong (table tennis) tables in a City park. The Commission has developed a survey to receive public feedback regarding the proposal, including the demand for ping-pong tables, and potential locations. To take the survey, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZ7RHCM>. Physical copies may be found at the City Office, 8123 Main St., 2nd Floor, Dexter, MI 48130.



Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival Online Sale

The Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival was held from Monday, August 16th - Friday, August 20th. The pieces produced through the week, along with some pieces from previous Paint Dexter Plein Air Festivals have been posted for sale online. The artwork gallery is available at: <https://sales.paintdexter.com/2021-paint-dexter-plein-art-gallery/>. Additional information about purchasing artwork can be found at: <https://sales.paintdexter.com/>. Please direct any questions regarding the sale to Justin Breyer at jbreyer@dextermi.gov or 734-580-2234.



River Rapids—Carolyn Weins



Historic Dexter Home—Brant MacLean

Dexter Farmers Market



3233 Alpine Street, Dexter MI 48130

Market Hours:

May – October

Saturday 8am-1pm

Tuesday 2pm-6pm



The Dexter Farmers Market will be open through Saturday, October 30, 2021 and will close out the season with a Pet Costume Contest starting at 11:45 am that day. Market hours are Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm; and Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

We would like to thank the community for your continued support of the Dexter Farmers Market, especially during these ever-changing times. It has been a fun year in a laid-back atmosphere for customers and vendors alike!

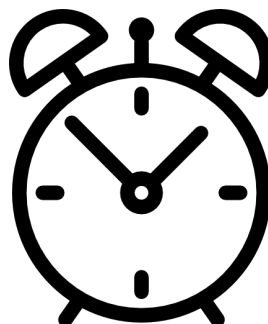
The Market hosts an excellent line-up of fresh produce, local artisans, baked goods, gluten free options, local meats, seafood, fresh flowers, plant starters, honey, jam, syrup, homemade crafts and so much more! The Dexter Farmers Market accepts SNAP, PEBT, DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS, WIC Project Fresh, and Senior Project Fresh.

Want to keep up-to-date with all things Farmers Market? Sign up for the weekly email list by emailing the market manager at farmersmarket@dextermi.gov or visit https://www.dextermi.gov/community/farmers_market.php.



City Office Closure

The City Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 25th and November 26th. There will be no trash delay that week or the following week.



Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time will end at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 7th, 2021. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.

City Offices Update

New City Hall Purchase!

The City is excited to announce that on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, the City of Dexter closed on property located at 3515 Broad Street for a new City Hall location!

The property was first developed in the mid-1800s, and had previous lives as a grain mill and lumber mill. The property was most recently owned and used by MedHub, a technology firm. 3515 Broad St. is located at the corner of Broad St. and Huron St., just down the street from the City's wastewater treatment plant and public works facilities. The building also overlooks the railroad tracks and the historic Train Depot.

Over the coming months, the City will be working through the interior remodeling process in order to prepare the building for the relocation of the City staff offices and related functions. It is safe to say that City staff is quite excited for the big move!



Snapshots of the new City Hall
Property at 3515 Broad St.

THERE ARE OVER
50,000
DOGS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET
BE AN #HZOHERO

Perennials
Black-eyed Susan
Butterfly milkweed
Coneflower (yellow)
Wild geranium

Shrubs
Hazelnut
Maple leaf viburnum
Silky dogwood
Witchhazel

Ferns
Bracken fern
Christmas fern
Maidenhair fern
Ostrich fern

GARDENING WITH
native plants

STABILIZES SOILS AND
PREVENTS EROSION

BE AN #HZOHERO

REMOVE LEAVES AND GARBAGE TO
**clear
stormdrains**

AND YOU'LL PREVENT DEBRIS
FROM ENTERING OUR WATERWAYS

BE AN #HZOHERO

Job Openings

Crossing Guards

The City of Dexter is recruiting for the position of Crossing Guard. It is the City's goal to have a Crossing Guard stationed at the pedestrian island on Baker Rd. from approximately 7:30 am to 8:00 am and from 2:50 pm to 3:20 pm, Monday - Friday. We are always looking for residents who are interested in serving in this capacity, even if it is just filling an occasional shift. Crossing guards will earn \$14.00 per 1/2 hour shift (morning and afternoon are separate shifts). Multiple positions are available. Days of work and shift assignments are flexible based on your schedule. Training will be provided. For more information or to apply for the position please contact the City Office at 734-426-8303 or e-mail jbreyer@dextermi.gov.



Recording Secretary

The City of Dexter is recruiting for the position of Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary will be responsible for attending City Council and Planning Commission meetings and producing written minutes of the meetings. Regular City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month starting at 7:00 pm, and regular Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. These boards occasionally hold special meetings. The Recording Secretary is paid at a rate of \$80 per meeting, including special meetings. Examples of prior City Council minutes (expected work product) is available on the City's website at: <https://www.dextermi.gov/government/cc.php>. No experience necessary, and training will be provided. For more information or to apply for the position please contact the City Office at 734-426-8303 or e-mail jbreyer@dextermi.gov.

The City's Employment Application Form is available on the City's website at: https://www.dextermi.gov/Permits_and_Forms/General_Permits/Employment_Application_2020-02.pdf

City Committee Openings

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking two new members. The Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and is a 9-member commission that is responsible for making recommendations to City Council on the planning and development of City parks.

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee is seeking one new member. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm and is an 11-member group that advises City Council on the development of arts, culture and heritage; promotes and publicizes projects that support arts, culture and heritage; serves as advocates for arts, culture, and heritage and encourages networking and collaborations of the arts, culture, and heritage of the City of Dexter.

To apply, please submit a Committee Application Form to the City Offices at 8123 Main St., 2nd Floor or by e-mail to jbreyer@dextermi.gov. The application form is available on the City's website at: https://www.dextermi.gov/Permits_and_Forms/General_Permits/committee_application_2020_1.pdf

2020 Drinking Water Quality Report

Dear Customer,
The City of Dexter is once again proud to present to you our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report.

Why did you get this report?

Drinking water regulations require the City to make this information available to customers each year – it's the law!

Why should you read it?

Let's face it – this report isn't going to end up on any Best Seller list. A lot of the wording is technical and mandated by law. However, the quality of our water is important, and we want to keep you informed. It can be useful in your everyday life, as well, if you have special health concerns, or just need to adjust the settings on your water softener.

What does it contain?

This report uses data collected in 2020 to summarize information about your water supply sources, the water system facilities that deliver water to your tap, and the quality of your drinking water. Also included is information about programs underway that ensure that you have safe and dependable drinking water.

Did we meet all our monitoring requirements in 2020? YES!

We have continued to meet the challenge of providing you with a safe and dependable supply of quality drinking water which meets or exceeds the requirements set forth by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

What if you have questions?

Please contact Water Utilities at (734) 426-4572 if you would like help understanding the information provided, or have questions about your drinking water. This report is also available online at https://www.dextermi.gov/Departments_Services/Water_Sewer/Water_Quality_Report_2020.pdf.

Get involved!

The City of Dexter Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month by Zoom, Dexter, Michigan. Look to the City of Dexter website for further information.

Quick Reference

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES

WWTP OFFICE

(734) 426-4572

Office hours: 7am-3:30pm

Emergency Water problems & Sewer Backups

(734) 368-5212

24 hour phone line



Quick Reference

DEXTER CITY OFFICE

www.dextermi.gov

Office hours: 9am – 5pm

For utility billing & taxes

(734) 426-8303

DEXTER PUBLIC WORKS

General maintenance for streets, parks, and facilities

(734) 426-8530

Water Quality Test Results

Regulated Parameter	Your Water Results	Year	Viol-ation	Results Range	EPA Limit (MCL, or MRDL)	EPA Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	Likely Source
Disinfection By Products Monitoring							
Chlorine	0.5 ppm	2020	No	0.1 – 2.1 ppm	4 ppm	4 ppm	Water additive used to control microbes
HAA5 (total haloacetic acids)	9 ppb*	2020	No	0 – 4.6 ppb	60 ppb	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHMs (total trihalomethanes)	41 ppb*	2020	No	7 - 15 ppb	80 ppb	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfection
*HAA5 and TTHMs are reported as a sum of several disinfection byproducts.							
Inorganic Contaminants							
Arsenic	4 ppb	2020	No	3 - 5 ppb	10 ppb	0 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium	0.15 ppm	2020	No	.13-.16 ppm	2 ppm	2 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Cadmium	.7 ppb	2020	No	.5 - .8 ppb	5 ppb	5 ppb	Erosion from natural deposits, discharge from industry
Chromium	7 ppb	2020	No	5 – 9 ppb	100 ppb	100 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	0.7 ppm	2020	No	0.4 – 1.1 ppm	4 ppm	4 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive for strong teeth
Nitrate	0.6 ppm	2020	No	0.2 - 0.9 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	Fertilizer runoff, natural deposits, leaching septic tanks
Selenium	8 ppb	2020	No	6 – 10 ppb	50 ppb	50 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Regulated at the Customer's Tap	Your Water Results			Results Range	Action Level	EPA Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	Likely Source
Lead	2 ppb	2020	No	0.0 – 3 ppb	15 ppb	0 ppb	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	.5 ppm	2020	No	0.0 – 1.2 ppm	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits, corrosion of plumbing systems

Terms used in this report:

- **Action Level (AL):** The concentrations of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which the water system must follow.
- **Maximum Contaminant level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs (goal) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **N/A:** Not applicable. **ND** or Not Detected: Not detected at or above the minimum reporting level – laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- **pCi/L:** Picocuries per liter, a measure of radioactivity.
- **1 part per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L) corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000. 1ppm – 1000 ppb.**
- **1 part per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L) corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.**

Lead and Copper in Drinking Water

Although there is no detectable lead in our source water, tests occasionally show low levels of lead and copper in household tap water. These are primarily caused by the corrosion of household plumbing systems. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. The City of Dexter is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about the lead levels in your home, you may wish to have your water tested. Information about lead in drinking water, testing methods, and the steps you can take to minimize your exposure is available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)** or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

Other Parameters of Interest	Sample Average	Results Range	Likely Source
Chloride	90 ppm	69-110 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits, road runoff, industrial processes
Hardness	398 ppm	360 - 460 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits (multiply ppm by .058 to get grains/gallon)
Sodium	47 ppm	30-63 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits, road runoff, added by water softeners to remove hardness
Sulfate	42 ppm	25-61 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits, industrial processes

Message from the EPA

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-suppressed persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA and CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infections by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)**.

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

1. Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
2. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
3. Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
4. Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
5. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the US EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Service Line Inventory	
Copper service lines	1054
Galvanized service line before 1988	37
Unknown service line material	423
Total number of service lines	1514

You can receive news by email!

Are you interested in an easy way to stay current on City events and information? The City Email Update includes details of events, project updates, due date reminders, and general news.

Just go to the City of Dexter homepage at www.dextermi.gov. Click on the "I Want to" button at the top and select 'Sign Up for E-Mail Update' from the drop-down menu.

Mandatory Outdoor Water Restrictions

Outdoor water usage (watering lawns, washing cars, irrigation, etc.) is restricted to odd or even days based on your street address. Residents and businesses with odd-numbered addresses (addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) are only allowed to water on odd-numbered days. Residents and businesses with even-numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, or 0) may only water on even-numbered days. Outdoor watering is also prohibited between 6 am and 10 am. Please adjust the start time(s) for your sprinkler or irrigation system accordingly. We would like to thank you for your cooperation protecting and conserving our water resources.

From Source to Tap

Where does my water come from?

Dexter's water comes from two well fields: one in Dexter Community Park, behind LaFontaine Chevrolet; the other behind Dexter High School, off Parker Road. There are four wells in Dexter Community Park. These feed the filtration plant on Central Street. The water is filtered, fluoridated, corrosion control added, and disinfected. Then it is pumped into the City water tower for use by the public. Water from the single well by Dexter High School is treated on-site. It is fluoridated, treated with polyphosphate for iron sequestration and corrosion control, disinfected, and pumped to the water tower for public use.

Protected Sources

In 2003, the State of Michigan conducted tritium testing to determine the relative potential for contamination of our wells by surface pollutants. The Dexter aquifer was classified by the State as "not vulnerable" to casual contamination, and the Dexter Wellhead Program was instituted to help protect against other threats to our water supply.

CITY OF DEXTER Resident Cost-Share Street Tree Planting Program Application



Trees in the street right-of-way (lawn extension) in front of your home qualify for this program.

This is an opportunity for residents to have a new tree planted in their lawn extensions. **Your cost to participate in this program is \$150, and the City pays the balance from its restricted tree fund.** Together, those funds cover the cost of purchase and installation of a 2-2½ inch caliper tree and includes a one-year warranty. Once the tree has been planted, the resident is responsible to maintain and care for that tree, including watering it diligently during the first three years, especially during droughts. The City provides tree watering bags to help with irrigation. Additional tree care information is available from the City, upon request.

If a tree does not survive its first year, it is the responsibility of the purchaser to notify the City prior to expiration of the warranty period. A selection of different tree species will be offered for sale each year through this program. The choices will vary from year to year. There is a limited selection for the upcoming planting season. Trees are first come, first served. If we run out of inventory, your name will be placed on a list for the next planting season.

The following species are available for planting:

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|---|---|
| 1. Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> | 4. Saratoga ginkgo (non-fruiting male) <i>Ginkgo biloba 'Saratoga'</i> |
| 2. Eastern Redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i> (tree form) | 5. American hophornbeam <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> |
| 3. Red horse-chestnut <i>Aesculus x carnea 'Fort McNair'</i> or <i>'Briotti'</i> | 6. Tulip Tree <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> |

If there are overhead wires where your new tree will be planted, please select a Serviceberry. It is important that there be a variety of species in the City tree population so that disease or insect infestation such as the Emerald Ash Borer does not kill all the trees within one neighborhood.

Pictures of the trees and information on their characteristics are available on the internet at <https://www.mortonarb.org/>. Choice of species will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The City reserves the right to make the final selections of trees for specific locations, based on the purchaser's preferences, availability and site conditions.

To participate, just follow these steps:

1. Determine the location for your new tree.
2. Choose your preferred species (3 choices per tree).
3. Calculate the price of the tree order (\$150 per tree) then fill out the order form.
4. Submit the completed form and payment for your new tree to the City.

Earliest orders have the widest choice in trees.

Mail or drop-off your order to:

City of Dexter – Street Tree Planting Program
8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Dexter, Michigan 48130

If you have questions, please contact the Community Development Department at 734-580-2233

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Select three alternate species for each tree. If you are ordering more than one tree, choose alternates for each.

TREE #1	TREE #2	
Alt 1 _____	_____	Price/tree: \$150.00
Alt 2 _____	_____	Order: _____ trees x \$150 = _____
Alt 3 _____	_____	Payment enclosed: _____
Do you have trees that need to be removed? _____		How Many? _____ Trunk Diameter: _____

Thank you!

Traffic Safety Reminder

The City is receiving increased complaints about cars speeding and rolling through stop signs. It is essential for the safety of both drivers and pedestrians for everyone to obey the speed limits and stop completely for stop signs.

- Motorists must yield to pedestrians within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is in or near the same half of the street as the driver, even if the RRFB is not activated. Drivers can choose to stop to allow a waiting pedestrian cross, but it is not required regardless of the presence of a rapid flashing beacon.
- Drivers must always be prepared to stop at all marked intersections.
- Be alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- Do not drive distracted, including talking or texting on your phone.
- Yield, slow down or stop if necessary if a pedestrian is crossing within a crosswalk.
- Drivers should not assume a pedestrian's intent at a crosswalk, come to a stop and err on the side of caution.
- Never pass a vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk.

Speed Limits

All roads in the City of Dexter are 25 miles per hour with the following exceptions:

- Baker Rd. (30 mph)
- Dan Hoey Rd. (35 mph, except in School zone during designated hours)
- Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd. between Meadow View Rd. and Dan Hoey Rd. (35 mph)

Exercising Water Shut Off Valves

Each developed property in the City has at least one water shut off valve inside of the structure. In a home this is typically found in the basement; in a business this is typically found in a utility room. The City would like to encourage all property owners to exercise this valve twice a year to make sure it is in working order. This can be done by turning the valve to the off position and turning on the water in a nearby sink or utility tub to make sure that no water is passing through. If the valve is in an older home and has not been turned in recent memory, we do advise having it turned for the first time by a licensed plumber because the valve can become brittle over time and may need repair.



Having a functioning valve will allow the water to be shut off inside the home or business if a leak occurs, or when it is necessary to do maintenance on the plumbing. If the valve is not functioning and a leak occurs, the City will come out and turn the water off at the curb stop box (generally located at the property line). While the City will respond 24/7, it can take time for the on-call employee to respond after hours. Every minute counts when water is leaking to prevent damage to property.

Assessing Field Work

The City of Dexter is responsible for maintaining accurate property assessment records in order to ensure that property taxes are accurate and are applied based on State Law. The State Tax Commission recommends that assessors annually inspect 20% of properties in their community.

During the summer and fall, City assessing field work staff attempt to visit all of the properties in a neighborhood along with properties that have either sold or experienced recent construction. In the summer and fall of 2021, the City has worked to visit every property in the Westridge neighborhood. City staff anticipates that Huron Farms and Orchard River Hills neighborhoods will be visited in the summer and fall of 2022. The goal of these inspections is to verify the accuracy of the City's assessment records.

City assessing staff will typically be in the field from May through November, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Assessing field work includes taking measurements and photographs of structures and improvements. City staff carries identification and will attempt to contact someone on the property before beginning the work. Assessing staff will follow the guidelines set forth by the State Tax Commission in Bulletin No. 2 of 2014: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/Bulletin2014-2PropertyInspection_447098_7.pdf. If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please contact the City Assessor at 734-580-2231 or assessor@dextermi.gov.

Did you know?

You can check that your tax payment was received online at:
<https://bsaonline.com/?uid=386&sitetransition=true>,

OR

Visit [Dextermi.gov](https://dextermi.gov) and click on "Tax, Assessing, and Utility Information Look-Up" and follow the prompts.

More Payment Options At Your Fingertips

Convenient features allow you to manage your account anywhere, at anytime.



AutoPay

Pay automatically
on the due date



Paperless Billing

Replace your paper
bills with eBills



Pay by Text

Get text notifications about your bill and
have the option to reply to the text to pay
with your default payment method



Check your next utility and tax bill for details!

Plastic Bag & Film Recycling

RECYCLE

 empty, clean & dry plastic bags & wraps at store drop-offs

NOT in Curbside Recycling

					<p>Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label</p>  <p>how2recycle.info</p>
Produce Bags	Plastic Shipping Envelopes	Bread Bags	Dry Cleaning Bags	Case Wrap	
					
Air Pillows	Bubble Wrap	Newspaper Bags	Food Storage Bags	Product Overwrap	

NO candy bar wrappers • chip bags • six-pack rings • degradable bags • prewashed salad bags



Carryout bags too!

Find drop-off locations at PlasticFilmRecycling.org/drop-off



Over the summer, the City of Dexter participated in a recycling evaluation program with the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA). Through that program, WRRMA audited the City's recycling for non-recyclable contaminants. From WRRMA's evaluation, they identified a major source of confusion – plastic bag and plastic films. Plastic films are items like air packing pillows, product wrappings from water bottles and paper towels, bubble wrap, and produce bags. Of the recycling carts that were reviewed, WRRMA found that 89% of them had plastic bags or plastic film!

Plastic bags and plastic film are recyclable, but *not* in your curbside cart. Plastic bags and plastic film tangle in the machines at the recycling sorting facilities (MRFs), which slows operations down and creates a safety risk for workers as they stop the processing lines to cut the tangled bags and film out of the machine. One facility recently told WRRMA that for each working shift they need to shut down processing for two hours and use six workers just to clean out the tangles! This is one of the many reasons cleaner recycling helps ensure the materials you work hard to recycle are ultimately able to be recycled.

The best option to combat the problems presented by plastic films is to avoid them where you can, which is a difficult task since they are seemingly everywhere. You can reduce plastic films by choosing reusable substitutes over single-use plastics when possible or saving and reusing items like plastic grocery bags to get the most out of the material. Even after reducing and reusing, you may still have plastic bags or plastic film you need to dispose of – do it responsibly by recycling them at drop-off locations.

Plastic Bag & Film Recycling (Continued)

Plastic bags and plastic film can be recycled at various drop-off bins around your community. Many grocery stores and some large retailers, such as Meijer, Kroger, Target, and Wal-Mart, maintain plastic bag and plastic film recycling bins in their front entryway. PlasticFilmRecycling.org has an online directory for finding nearby drop-off locations like these, as well as educational resources to learn more.

Even after you've reduced and reused your plastic bag and plastic film as much as possible, you'll probably still have some remaining. It's important that you then make the effort to dispose of it responsibly. When they are recycled properly – they can be repurposed into useful items like composite lumber instead of ending up in a landfill, polluting the environment, or causing problems at recycling facilities.

 **RECYCLE** THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

 Paper	 Cardboard	 Metal	 Plastic	 Glass
				
Mixed Paper, Mail, and Newspaper (all colors and types)	Cardboard and Paperboard (empty and flatten)	Aluminum and Steel Cans (empty and rinse)	Plastic Bottles, Jars, and Jugs (empty, rinse and replace cap)	Glass Bottles and Jars (empty and dry) <small>no glass accepted curbside in City of Ypsilanti</small>

NO!

					
Do Not Bag Recyclables (no garbage)	No Plastic Grocery Bags, Film, or Wrap (return to retail)	No Foam	No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)	No Tangles (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)	No Hazardous Waste

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Waste Wizard Online Tool

The City of Dexter, in cooperation with the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA), has deployed an online Waste Wizard tool. This online tool allows residents to search various materials to see whether materials are recyclable at the curb and how to properly dispose of non-recyclable materials. The tool is available on the City's website on the Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste page at: https://www.dextermi.gov/government/departments_and_services/trash_recycling_and_yard_waste.php.

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Fall Clean
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See www.dextermi.gov for
additional information.